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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 10, 2004 (Paper No. 8), Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner allow the claims to pass to issue in view of the following remarks.

In the Final Office Action mailed May 10, 2004, the Examiner rejected Claims 1 – 19 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, for failing to comply with the written description requirement. In particular, the Examiner submits that the claim feature "...the portion of the channels are proportional to a decode time", as recited in the claim, is not adequately described in the specification and therefore constitutes new matter. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

In Applicants' Response to Office Action, mailed February 20, 2004, Applicants presented amended independent apparatus Claim 1 to more particularly point out and distinctly claim a multiple channel audio decoder for decoding at least two channels of audio data, and which includes a buffer having first and second channel portions, and 021615.500002 Dallas 1784402.1